

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Gordon Vance, on February 14, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gordon Vance, Chair (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch
Tia Stockton, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 182, 2/3/2017; SB 194, 2/3/2017; SB 212, 2/3/2017

Executive Action: SB 194 - Be tabled

00:00:05 Chair Vance

00:04:20 Sen. Brown entered the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 212

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:38 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 212, Revise mature defensive driving laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:49 Del Lonnquist, volunteer, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
[EXHIBIT\(his32a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:22 Greg VanHorssen, State Farm Insurance Company

00:16:36 Sen. Gauthier entered the meeting.

00:17:24 Roger McGlenn, Independent Insurance Agents of Montana (IIAM)

00:19:36 Mr. VanHorssen, State Farm

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:53 Sen. Gross
00:20:17 Mr. McGlenn, IIAM
00:20:43 Sen. Gross
00:21:04 Mr. VanHorssen
00:21:30 Sen. Gross
00:21:46 Mr. VanHorssen
00:22:51 Sen. Buttrey
00:23:19 Mr. VanHorssen
00:24:41 Sen. Buttrey
00:24:55 Mr. Lonnquist, AARP
00:25:09 Sen. Buttrey
00:25:20 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:25:56 Mr. VanHorssen
00:28:01 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:28:10 Mr. VanHorssen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:28:25 Sen. Cohenour

00:29:40 Chair Vance

HEARING ON SB 194

00:29:55 Chair Vance

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 194

00:30:17 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 194 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with Sen. D. Brown voting no. Sen. Whitford was excused.
EXHIBIT(his32a02)

HEARING ON SB 182

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:30:44 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 182, Require hearings for highway construction.
EXHIBIT(his32a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:12 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:39:30 Dwane Kailey, chief engineer, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
00:40:44 Cary Hegreberg, executive director, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

00:41:02 Sen. Whitford entered the meeting.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:56 Sen. Brown
00:43:34 Mr. Kailey, MDT
00:44:33 Sen. Brown
00:44:52 Mr. Kailey
00:45:08 Sen. Brown
00:45:25 Mr. Kailey
00:45:27 Sen. Brown
00:45:40 Mr. Kailey
00:45:52 Sen. Webb
00:46:10 Mr. Kailey
00:47:03 Sen. Whitford
00:47:45 Sen. Lang

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:04 Sen. Lang
00:50:50 Chair Vance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:54 PM

Tia Stockton, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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